

Florida Clubhouse Coalition

Changing the lives of people with mental illness



Clubhouses Offer a No Nonsense Approach to the Mental Health Crisis

Mental health Clubhouse programs are one of the most cost-effective solutions to the state's mental health crisis. They provide daily, ongoing support for people with severe mental illness at a fraction of the cost of hospitalization and incarceration.

Clubhouses help people with severe mental illnesses achieve stability and find work, improving financial self-sufficiency and decreasing dependency on governmental support.

Clubhouses provide:

- Daily activities during the “work-ordered day,” an 8-hour day, 5 days a week, that reflect a regular work day in the business world
- Voluntary and affordable membership for life
- Opportunities to utilize and increase work-related skills
- Activities that increase socialization and communication abilities
- Assistance with education and access to other community services
- Meaningful, paid employment in the community through employer business partnerships.

The Mental Health Crisis in Florida

More than 730,000 Florida residents live with serious and persistent mental illness, such as schizophrenia, bi-polar disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, and major depression.

1 in 4 families are directly affected by these major psychiatric diseases.

Psychiatric illnesses comprise the **largest disability group** dependent on government benefits such as Social Security Disability, Medicare, and Medicaid.

Thousands are housed unnecessarily in prisons and jails throughout the state at a great cost to tax-payers, or are homeless, relying on the government for their most basic needs.

Consider this:

Florida ranks **50th** nationally in per capita expenditures on mental health services. The state has not kept up with the need or the real cost of these important services for Florida residents.

While the state population has grown by 2 million during the last 10 years, mental health funding has decreased, leaving many without access to proper treatment and support.

Unless the state increases funding for mental health services, the mental health crisis in Florida will continue to grow!

Clubhouses Work!

Research has shown that Clubhouse clients (called “members”) are 1/3 less likely to have crisis hospitalizations, 2½ times less likely to become incarcerated -- significantly reducing costs to taxpayers.^{1 2}

Clubhouse members are competitively employed in longer and higher paying positions than in more intensive work programs.³ Employment provides members with the ability to find dignity in their lives, and be less of a burden to the government.

Clubhouses represent a sound investment that benefits all Florida residents. Help us ensure that there is a Clubhouse available to every Florida community!



¹ Johnson, J. and Hickey, S. (1999). Arrests and incarcerations after psychosocial program involvement: clubhouse vs. jailhouse. *Psychiatric Rehabilitation Journal*, 23, 66-69.

² Wilkinson, W. (1992), New Day, Inc. of Spartanburg: Hospitalization Study. *Psychiatric Rehabilitation Journal*, 16, 163-168.

³ Johnson, M., McKay, C., Henry, A., & Manning, T.D. (2004). What does competitive employment mean? A secondary analysis of employment approaches in the Massachusetts Employment Intervention Demonstration Project. In W. Fisher (ed.) *Employment for Persons with Severe Mental Illness*, Volume 13, Research in Community and Mental Health, Oxford, UK, Elsevier.

Clubhouses in Florida

Florida has 10 Clubhouses, six of which are accredited and four of which are in the process of achieving accreditation from Clubhouse International (iccd.org), the accrediting agency for 333 Clubhouses around the world. Florida Clubhouses work in partnership with more than 70 businesses to employ hundreds of members.

Please feel free to visit any one of our great facilities to see firsthand the Clubhouse model and meet our success stories.

Accredited Florida Clubhouses

Club Fellowship

5716 Commerce Lane
Miami, FL 33143
Director: Terry-Ann Moses
305-740-2420
www.clubfellowship.org

Club Success

600 El Paso
Lakeland, FL 33805
Director: Luis Rivas
863-519-0874
www.clubsuccess.net

Hope Clubhouse of Southwest Florida

3602 Broadway
Fort Myers, FL 33901
Director: Debra Webb
239-267-1777
www.hopeclubhouse.org

Sedona House

351 S. Bay Ave.
Sanford, FL 32771
Director: Vic Prezioso
407-732-5364
www.sedonahousefl.org

The Light House

3185 E. Thomas St.
Inverness, FL 34453
Director: Gloria Tucci
352-344-2158
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Vincent House

4801 78th Avenue North
Pinellas Park, FL 33781
Director: William McKeever
727-541-0321
www.vincenthouse.org

Florida Clubhouses in Accreditation Process

Foot Print to Success Clubhouse

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Pompano Beach, Florida 33064
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Gainesville Opportunity Center

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Gainesville FL 33606
Director: Pam Demers
352-224-5523
www.goclubhouse.org

The Key Clubhouse of South Florida

1400 NW 54th Street, Suite 102
Miami, FL 33142
Director: Stephanie Solovei
305-374-5115
www.keyclubhouse.org

The Recovery Place

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Orlando, FL 32804
Director: Kate Mees
407-875-3700, ext. 2593
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